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IN RE APPLICATION OF

ANTON NEGELE, ET AL.

: EXAMINER: REDDICK, M. L.

SERIAL NO: 09/830,566

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FILED: MAY 7, 2001

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

FOR: AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS OF
WATER-SOLUBLE POLYMERS OF N-
VINYLCARBOXAMIDES, THEIR
PREPARATION AND THEIR USE

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1713"

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Final rejection mailed April 22, 2003, reconsideration is requested.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by the declarant, Dr. Muller, accompanies this response.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention are requested.

The Official Action explains the rationale for rejection as being directed to the recited "substantially free of stabilizing inorganic salt" per claims 1 and 5 which assertedly constitutes indefinite subject matter.

The previous response at page 5 stated: